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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: PREPARATIONS FOR SPECIAL AND
NINTH ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS --
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

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1. GUIDELINES FOR EXPERTS MEETING. WE INFORMED HEAP OF
CLEAR U.S. PREFERENCE FOR TEXT OF EXPERTS MEETING GUIDE-
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LINE AS CONTAINED ANT/EMP/12 AND ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION
ON TREATMENT OF AMENDMENTS TO THEM. HEAP SAID HE AGREES
FULLY WITH U.S. VIEW THAT GUIDELINES SHOULD BE AGREED
WELL BEFORE NINTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING AND SHARES OUR
CONCERN THAT THEY NOT DUPLICATE EAMREA GROUP ACTIVITIES.
HE FEELS THERE IS CLEAR CONSENSUS THAT THE GUIDELINES
SHOULD BE ACCEPTED AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION, BUT THAT THEY

CAN, IF NECESSARY, BE AMENDED OR ALTERED BY THE GROUP OF EXPERTS AT THE CONSULTATIVE. ARGENTINA AND USSR ARE FIRM ON THIS LAST POINT, WITH USSR TAKING THE LINE THAT THEY CANNOT ACCEPT THE GUIDELINES UNTIL THEY ARE FORMALLY TABLED AT THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING. THUS, HEAP HAS COME RELUCTANTLY TO THE CONCLUSION THAT WE HAVE GONE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN ATTEMPT TO AGREE GUIDELINES PRIOR TO THE NINTH CONSULTATIVE. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, SUCH AS THAT MADE BY JAPANESE AT LAST MONTHLY, WILL THEREFORE NOT BE ACCEPTED OR REJECTED PRIOR TO GROUP OF EXPERTS MEETING BUT WILL BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH ANT/EMP/12. HEAP MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT HE DOES NOT LIKE THIS SITUATION BUT THAT HE CANNOT SEEM TO FIND ANY WAY TO AVOID IT.

2. CLASSIFICATION OF CONFERENCE RECORD. HEAP HAD ANTICIPATED THAT WE WOULD BE INTRODUCING AN AGENDA ITEM ON QUESTION OF CLASSIFICATION. HE DOES NOT SEE ANY REASON WHY CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AND RECOGNIZES THE NEED FOR GREATER PUBLIC ACCESS TO CONSULTATIVE MEETING INFORMATION.

3. SCENARIO FOR SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING. HEAP "COULD NOT AGREE MORE" WITH OUR DESIRE TO SEE OPENING FORMALITIES KEPT TO A MINIMUM. HOWEVER, HE HAS NOT YET BEGUN PLANNING THE SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE BECAUSE IT IS NOT CLEAR ON WHAT BASIS THE MEETING WILL BE HELD. IT COULD, ACCORDING TO HEAP, BE A SIMPLE SIGNING AND SEALING CEREMONY OR A "KNOCK-DOWN AND DRAG-OUT" PROCEDURAL FIGHT. HEAP WOULD, OF COURSE, PREFER THE FORMER WITH THE CHAIR-CONFIDENTIAL

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MAN OF THE MEETING SIMPLY DECLARING IT OPEN AND THEN FIRMLY SUGGESTING THAT THE GROUP GET DOWN TO WORK RIGHT AWAY AND DISPENSE WITH OPENING STATEMENTS.

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4. KEY TO SUCH A SCENARIO IS OBVIOUSLY WHETHER GROUP CAN REACH AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES FOR ADMISSION OF NEW CONSULTATIVE PARTIES PRIOR TO MEETING. HEAP EXPRESSED KEEN DESIRE TO HAVE U.S. VIEWS ON PROCEDURAL QUESTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE FEELS IT IS TERRIBLY IMPORTANT THAT U.S. AND USSR MAINTAIN POSITION THAT A FRAMEWORK FOR POLISH ACCESSION MUST BE AGREED BEFORE THE AD HOC MEETING IN ORDER TO KEEP SOME OF "THE LESS RELIABLE TREATY MEMBERS," I.E. THE FRENCH, IN LINE.
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5. IN STRESSING THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME IDEA OF U.S. THINKING SHORTLY, HEAP SAID THAT HE IS CONSIDERING ORGANIZING AN EXTREMELY INFORMAL AD HOC DRAFTING GROUP. IT WOULD ACT SIMPLY AS A "MECHANISM" WITH WHICH TO RECONCILE THE PRESENT DRAFT PROPOSALS. THIS "MECHANISM" WOULD NOT, OF COURSE, BIND ANYONE TO ANY PARTICULAR POSITION. HE ENVISAGES IT BEING MADE UP OF THREE OR FOUR OF THE MOST ACTIVE AND INTERESTED LOCAL TREATY MEMBERS, E.G. ARGENTINA, CHILE, USSR, ETC. IT WOULD HOPEFULLY PREPARE A "SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT" FOR AGREEMENT AD REFERENDUM. HEAP ADDED THAT WHILE HE WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS MINOR COSMETIC DRAFTING POINTS AT THE AD HOC CONSULTA-

TIVE, HE FERVENTLY HOPES THAT AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANCE WILL
HAVE ALREADY BEEN REACHED.

6. HEAP IS PLEASED THAT DEPARTMENT FOUND HIS TRIP REPORT
TO BE USEFUL.

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